



## Internship Assignment

### Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme Strategy and Relationship Management Unit

Announcement number	Duration of assignment
19/Intern44/SDM/SRM-Stakeholder and Regional Support	3-4 months starting as soon as possible until 31 December 2019

### Background

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address Climate Change. The secretariat supports the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties.

**The Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM)** programme is leading in the development and effective implementation of innovative approaches to broaden the engagement in and effectiveness of action to mitigate climate change and drive sustainable development. SDM supports the operationalization of the cooperative approaches established by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and broader efforts to engage non-Party stakeholders in climate action. SDM manages the NAZCA (Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action) platform, supports the COP Presidencies' Climate Action Champions and supports the implementation of the three Kyoto mechanisms - the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Joint Implementation (JI), and International Emissions Trading (IET).

### Purpose

The internship assignment is with the Stakeholder and Regional Support (SRS) team in the Strategy and Relationship Management Unit in SDM. The team is responsible for the:

1. Overall coordination of the Nairobi Framework Partnership (NFP), a partnership established in 2006 by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, coordinated by UNFCCC, with participation of a range of UN organizations and other international organizations, to support developing countries in preparing and implementing their plans to address climate change, called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Climate Change Agreement;
2. Support to the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCC), which are partnerships with regional development banks and other institutions designed to help under-represented regions increase their participation in climate action under the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, by building their capacity, sharing knowledge, providing assistance and catalysing action for implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement;
3. Developing capacity among all stakeholders as well as their active participation in different initiatives, aimed at advancing the achievement of mitigation action under the Paris Agreement.



Under the direct supervision of the Associate Programme Officer (P-2) and the overall guidance of the Team Lead (P-4) of the SRS team, the intern will produce and provide substantive data, statistics, analysis and reports.

### The particular functions are:

1. Support the design and implementation of the second phase of the project “Cooperative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action” with the objective to “assist Parties in the development of carbon pricing approaches for implementing their NDC under the Paris Agreement and foster collaboration”. For this task the intern will:
  - Plan specific support activities aimed at ensuring that interested Parties considering carbon pricing are supported;
  - Perform specific research and analysis tasks on the topic of carbon pricing and related economic instruments for mitigation action;
  - Provide substantive support in reviewing and drafting reports and presentations;
  - Track progress of support activities and ensure the timely delivery of work packages;
  - Provide assistance for managing the relationship with supported Parties;
  - Liaise with internal and external stakeholders involved in the initiative as well as other related international initiatives;
  - Liaise with other teams in SDM and across the secretariat responsible for partnership management to find areas of collaboration related to the delivery of support.
  
2. Support the RCCs activities by:
  - Generating reports and statistics related to the implementation of activities;
  - Developing reports and articles aimed at communicating activities implemented by the RCCs.

### Learning areas

During the period of the internship, a successful applicant will develop a deep understanding of carbon pricing and market based responses as an approach for addressing climate change at both the international and the national levels; further develop their skills to identify and analyse carbon pricing and carbon market climate change policies, and engage with relevant stakeholders for supporting the adoption and implementation of such policies as tool for addressing climate change.

### Timeframe

The internship is for a period of three to four months. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern, the needs of the programme, and the intern’s on-going university enrolment and performance. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience, clearly indicating in their cover letter the preferred period and duration of internship.



## Requirements

- **Education:** Completed first level university degree, and currently enrolled in a postgraduate degree in **international relations, environmental policy & management, project and conference management, or economics, finance or business administration.**
- **Language skills:** Fluency in both written and verbal English is essential. Working knowledge of other UN languages (especially French or Spanish) is an asset.

## Internship conditions

**UNFCCC secretariat internships are not remunerated**, and the selected intern will be responsible for all costs before, during and after the internship assignment. Interns of the UNFCCC secretariat are not considered to be staff members. The selected intern will work on a full-time basis (40 hours per week) at the UNFCCC premises in Bonn, Germany. For more detailed information about UNFCCC Internship programme please visit the internship section on our recruitment [webpage](#).

## Application procedure

Candidates who are interested in this assignment and meet the minimum requirements must use the [on-line application system](#) and **include a cover letter**. Due to the high number of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for a telephone interview.